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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY. FOR CHARGE FROM EDMONDSON

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: A. STATE 131774, B. CAPE TOWN 1042

1. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON DRAFT STATEMENT FOR MY PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. I HAVE MADE ONE CHANGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINAL PARAGRAPH. REVISED STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: " MR. STATE PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS LETTER OF CREDENCE APPOINTING ME AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. ALLOW ME ALSO, MR. STATE PRESIDENT, TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. BOWDLER.

"AS I ASSUME MY AMBASSADORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, I AM DEEPLY AWARE OF THE LONG HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OF THE GREAT VALUE TO BOTH OF THE FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGES OF

VIEWS THAT HAVE ALREADY CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONS.

BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ENDOWED WITH A WEALTH OF MATERIAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS THE NEED TO FACE UP TO A HOST OF PROBLEMS THAT STEM FROM CULTURAL AND RACIAL DIVERSITY. MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY OF THESE FACTORS, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS OF ALL RACES AND HOPE THAT I CAN PLAY A ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DETERMINATION TO BE AN HONEST AND FAITHFUL COMMUNICATOR BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

"I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MR. STATE PRESIDENT, TO CONVEY TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE GOOD WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." END TEXT.

3. WE LEAVE TONIGHT ON PA 201. CHRISTOPHER

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